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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Method For Opening A Proprietary MAC Protocol In A Non-DOCSIS Modem Compatibly With A DOCSIS Modem**

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2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
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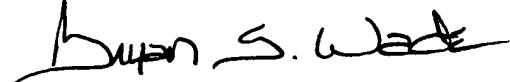
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